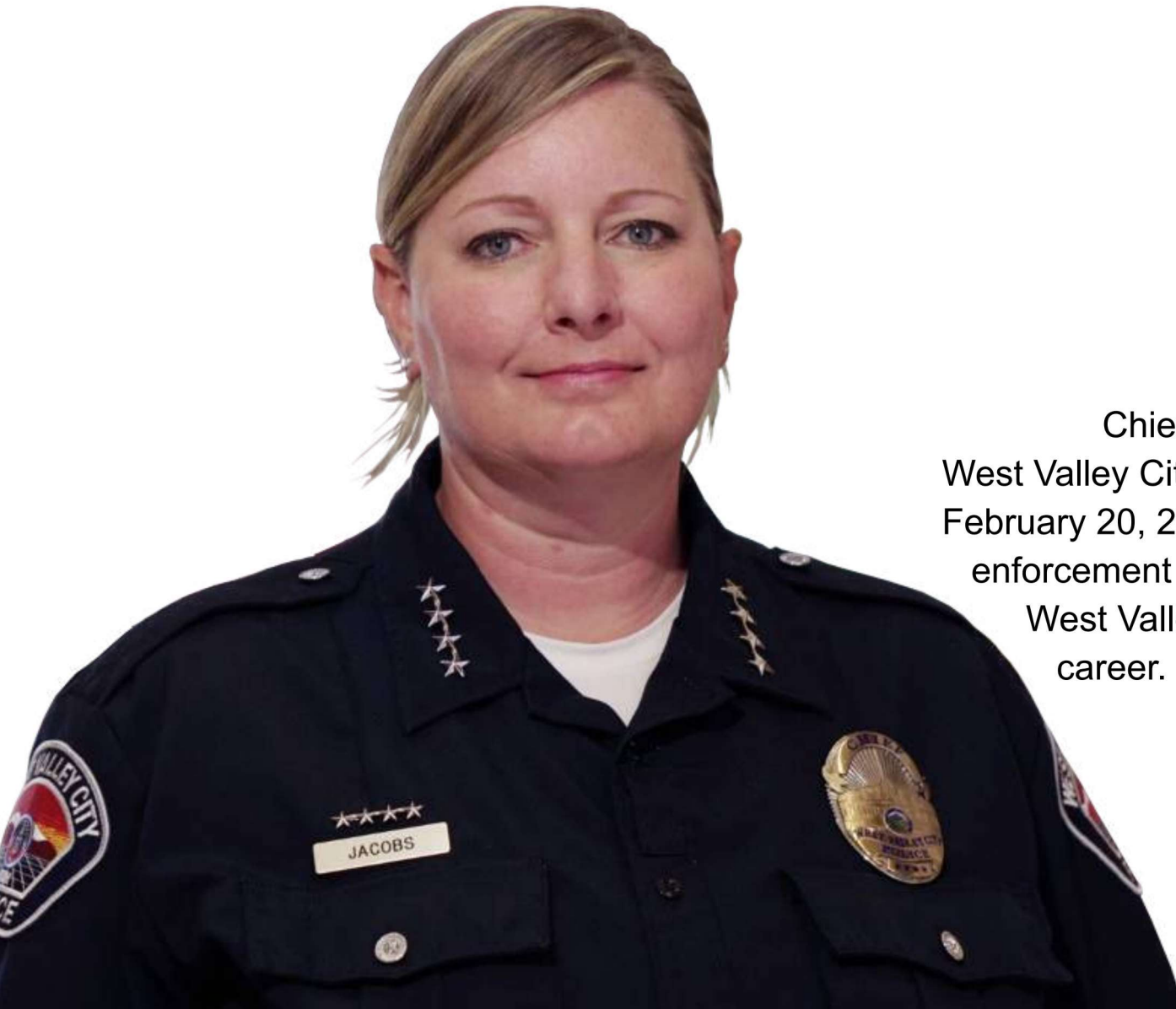


# 2019 Annual Report



# Colleen Jacobs - Chief of Police



Chief Colleen Jacobs was sworn in as West Valley City's 6th Chief of Police on February 20, 2018. Chief Jacobs has been in law enforcement for 23 years. She has served the West Valley City community for her entire career.



# Administration



**Deputy Chief  
Scott Buchanan**

Deputy Chief Scott Buchanan was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2018 and has served the department for 19 years.



**Deputy Chief  
Robert Hamilton**

Deputy Chief Robert Hamilton was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2018 and has served the department for 19 years.



**Deputy Chief  
Kent Stokes**

Deputy Chief Kent Stokes was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2019 and has served the department for 21 years.



**Executive Director  
Michelle Tapia**

Executive Director Michelle Tapia was promoted in 2018 and has served the department for 23 years.





# Mission Statement

The mission of the West Valley City Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to protect life and property, solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City. In doing so, members of this Police Department commit themselves in the following core tenets:



- Protect Life and Safety
- Preventing Crime
- Reducing the Fear of Crime
- Bringing Offenders to Justice
- Maintaining Public Accountability
- Providing Excellent Service





# Core Values

## Integrity



Ethical behavior is the cornerstone of public trust. For any police department to maintain such trust, it must constantly demonstrate that its partnership with the community will be fair, objective and securely rooted in consistently applied ethical principals. Members of the West Valley City Police Department are expected to demonstrate, through words and deeds, that the best interest of the public is always in the forefront of their decisions.

Therefore, we uphold the public trust by being honest. In doing so, we maintain the highest standards of professional and ethical character.



# Service

We are dedicated to enhancing public safety and reducing the fear and incidence of crime. People in our communities are our most important customers. The mantra of "To Protect and to Serve" is more than a slogan - it is our way of life. We will work in partnership with the people in our communities and do our best, within the law, to solve community problems that effect public safety. We value the great diversity of people in both our residential and business communities and serve all with equal dedication.

Therefore, we provide dedicated and compassionate assistance by promoting leadership, cooperation, and creativity. We aspire to improve the quality of life in partnership with the community.



# Accountability



Accountability is a requirement to take action, be that action either legal or moral. It is the impetus to act and take responsibility. As police officers, we have the legal obligation to serve and protect the residents of the of our city, and the legal requirement to preserve order and uphold the law. However, our obligation extends beyond the obvious legal requirement. For us, there is an obligation to service that is tied directly to our personal honor. We act not just because of our legal authority, but because of our personal duty to help and solve problems.

Therefore, we will be responsive to community needs and will always be accountable for our decisions and actions.





# Fairness

Fundamental to delivery of professional police service is the fair and equitable treatment of all individuals. Whether citizen or employee, all must be treated with dignity and respect.

Fairness means we:

- Act consistently with our values and expectations
- Let compassion and courtesy guide our actions
- Have respect for all people, their ideas and opinions
- Apply rules, regulations and laws in an unbiased manner
- Treat others as we want to be treated

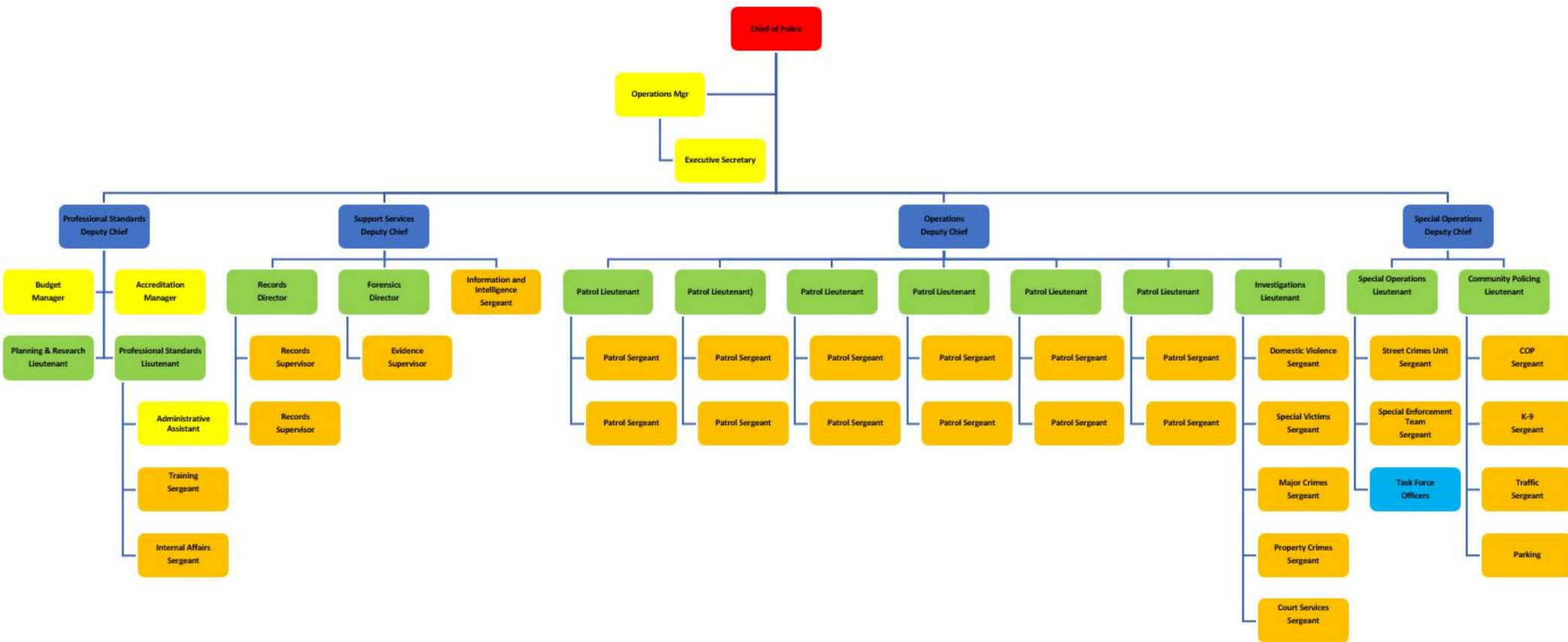
Therefore, we treat everyone with respect and dignity in an unbiased manner. We protect constitutional rights through impartial enforcement of the law.



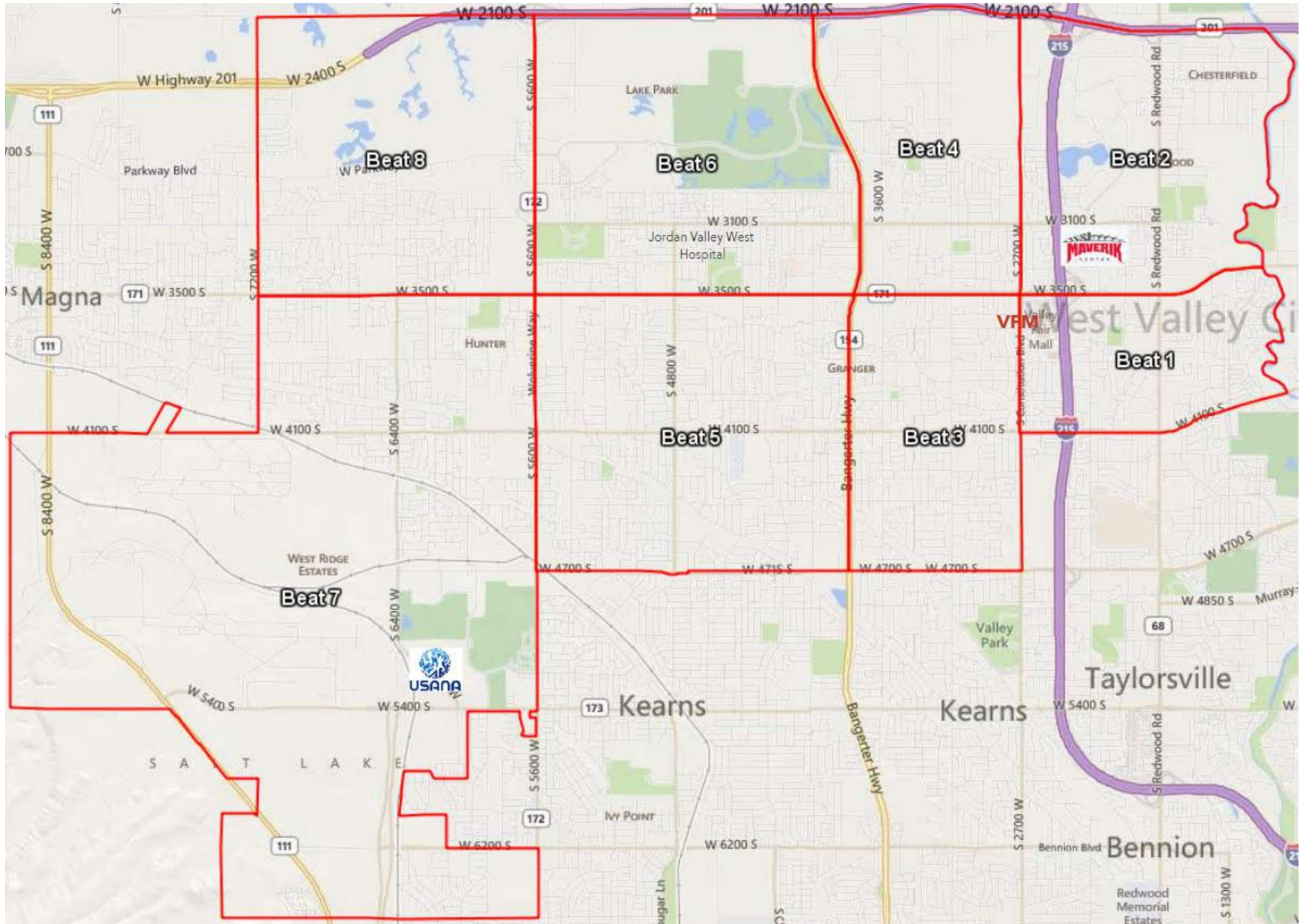
It is through the daily adherence to our core values and organizational mission that will demonstrate our commitment to professionalism and dedication to those with whom we work and serve.



# Organizational Chart

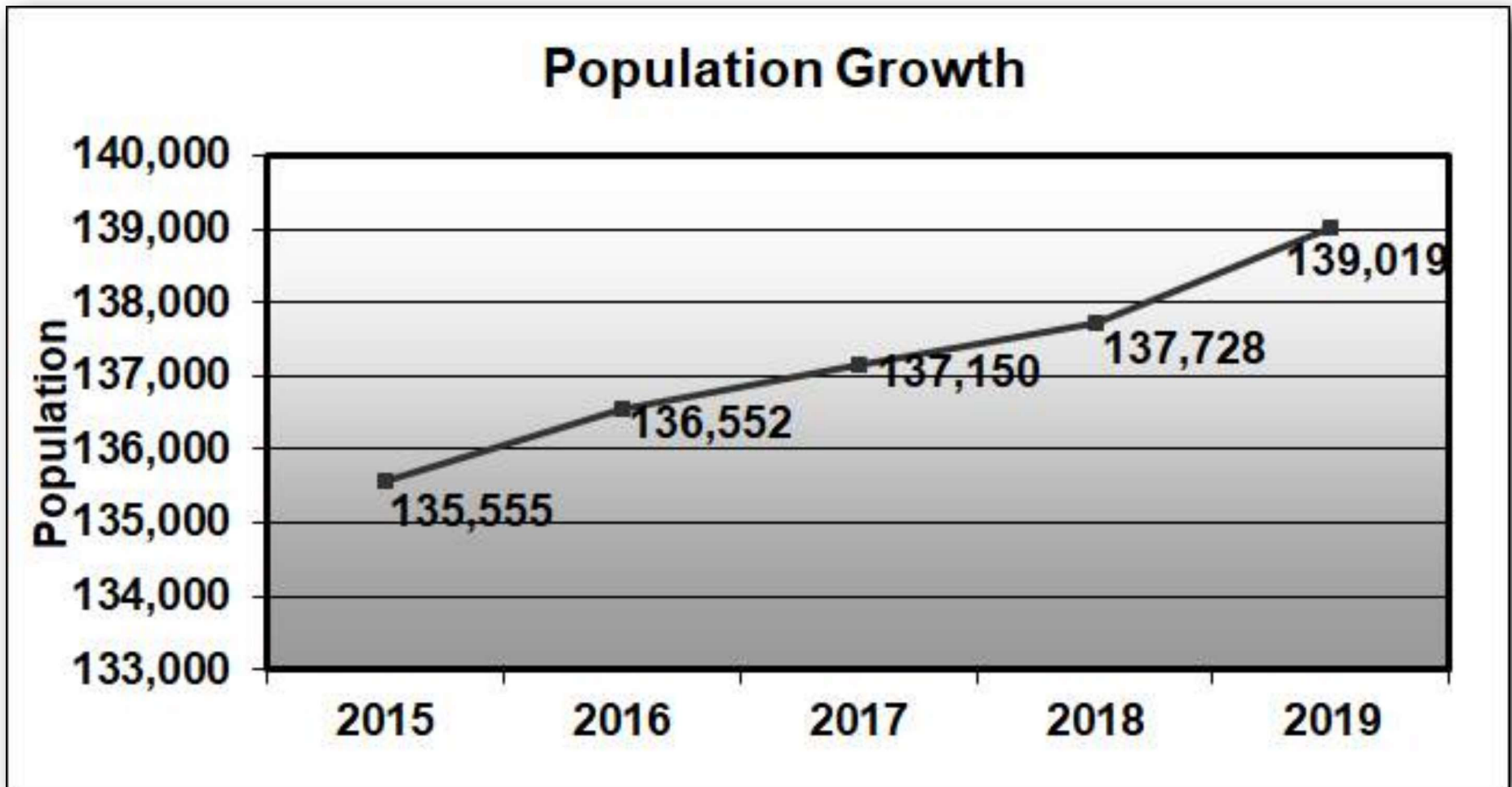


# West Valley City Boundary





# West Valley City Population 2015-2019



# Use of Force

FORCE TYPE	2017	2018	2019	% Change
FIREARM DISCHARGE	2	2	1	50% ↓
FIREARM DISPLAY	1168	592	628	.06 % ↑
PHYSICAL FORCE	522	606	610	.01 % ↑
TASER DISCHARGE	38	51	29	43% ↓
TASER DISPLAY	64	63	79	25% ↑
OC (Pepper Spray)	20	29	38	31% ↑
K9 BITE	7	9	12	33% ↑
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1821</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>1397</b>	<b>3.3 % ↑</b>



# Complaints - Internal/External 2015-2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
INTERNAL COMPLAINTS	18	50	37	111*	143
EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS	40	24	9	67**	91
<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>234</b>
FINDINGS					
SUSTAINED	21	31	29	46	58
UNFOUNDED	19	13	11	35	41
NOT SUSTAINED	9	3	3	14	13
INFORMATION ONLY	5	1	3	65	91
RESIGNED	1	1	11	5	8
EXONERATED	1	10	3	10	19
ACTIVE CASES (NO FINDING)	2	14	11	3	4

\*The increase in 2018 is due to the documentation in the category when employees are late or miss mandatory training. This accounted for 64 of the internal complaints

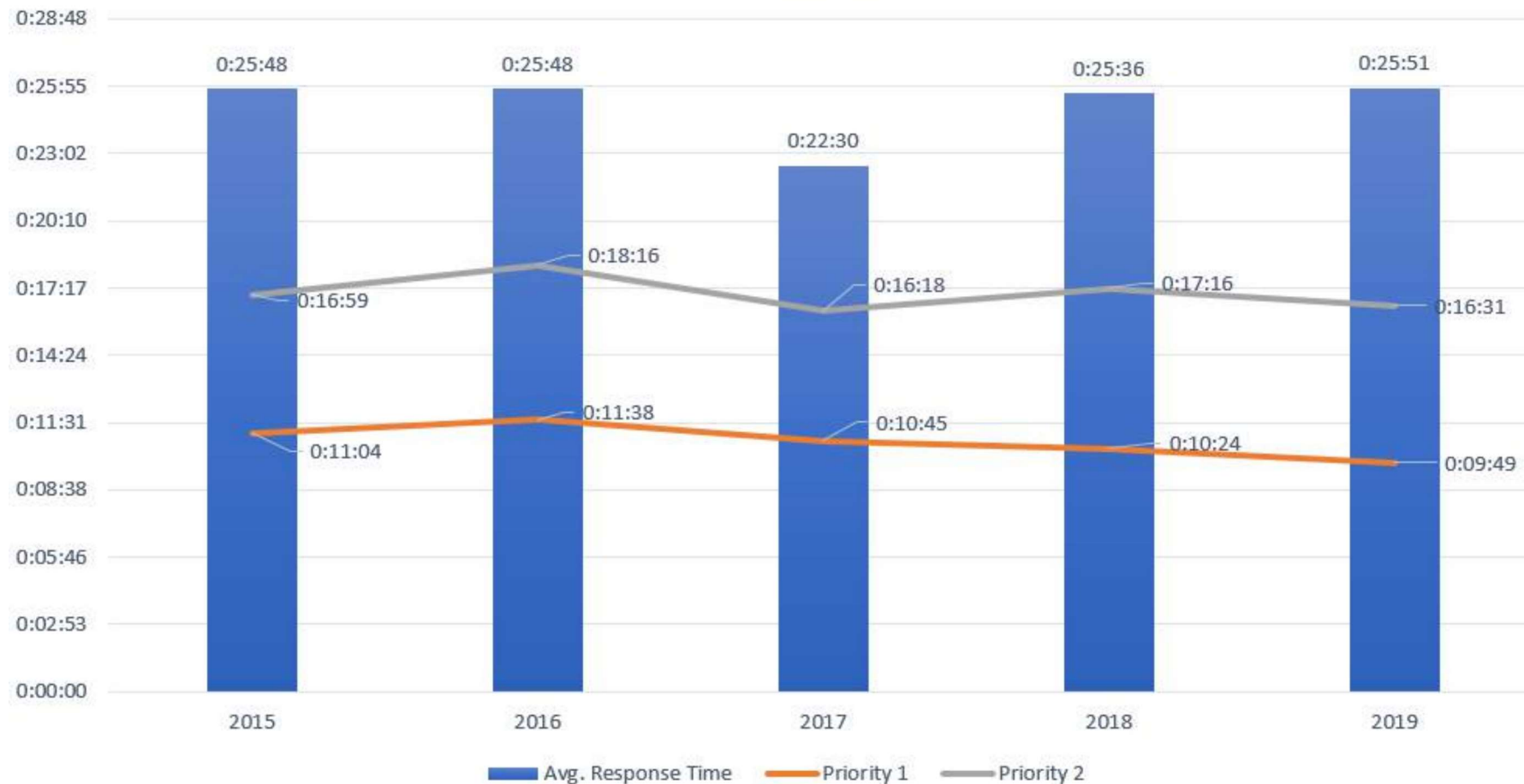
\*\*The increase in external complaints is due to the fact that prior to 2018, many 'complaints' that were of a less serious nature were handled informally by the supervisor speaking with the person and satisfying their 'complaint.' However, beginning in 2018, we wanted to ensure that we were in line with all CALEA reporting requirements and we began capturing anything resembling a complaint, even if in the past the issue was resolved and the complainant satisfied with the supervisor's explanation of events. Now, all such incidents are documented in IAPro/Blue Team and reviewed through the chain of command. The increase in the unfounded and not-sustained categories is indicative of this change in recording all such complaints which ensures we are capturing all such events.





# Response Time - 5 Yr Comparison

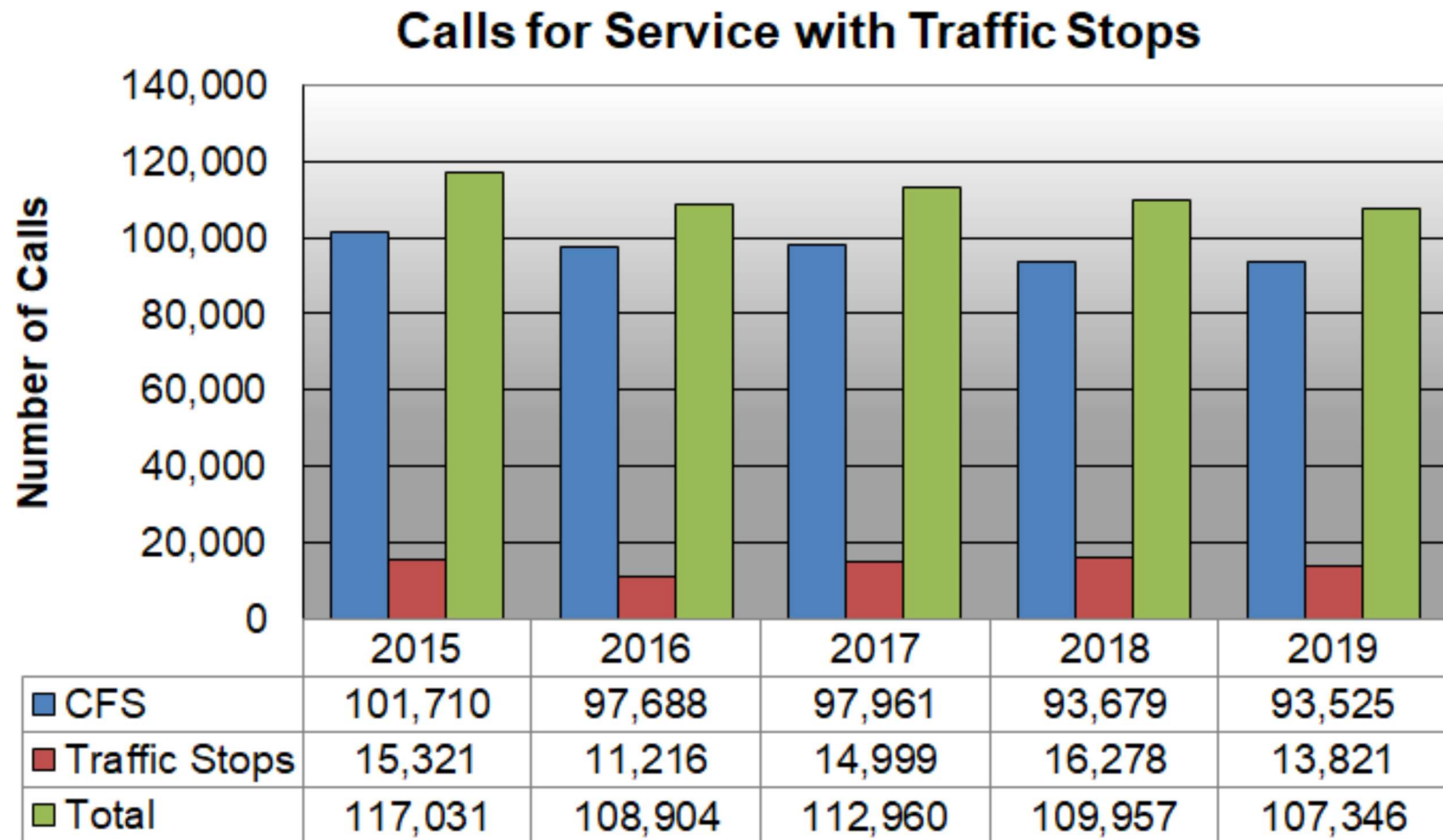
Avg. Response Time 2015-2019



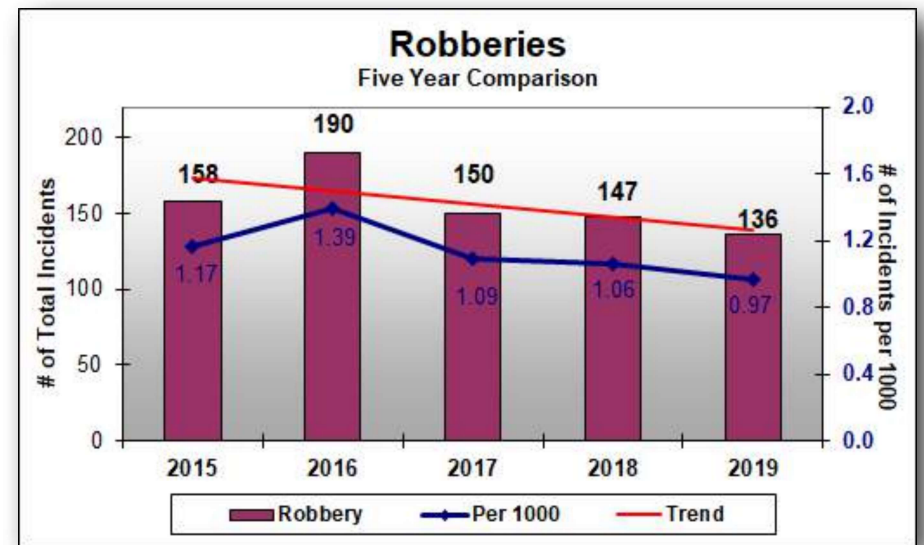
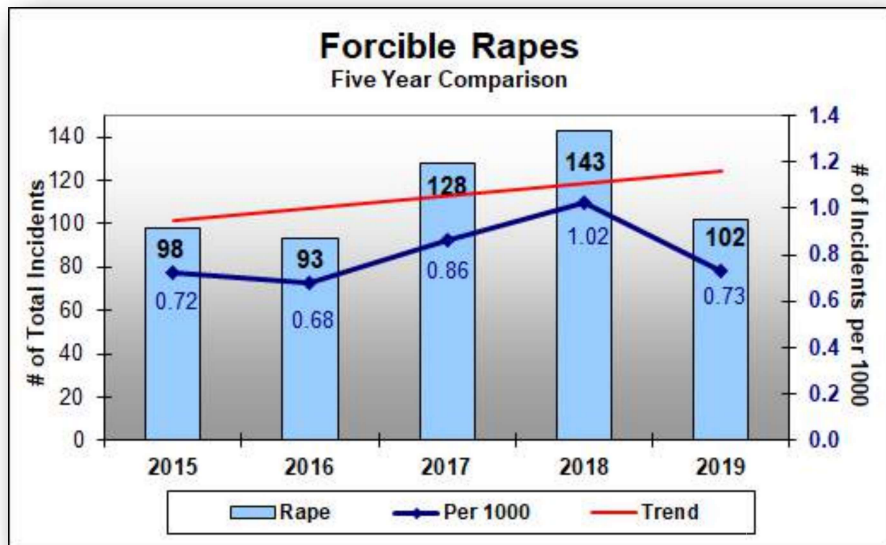
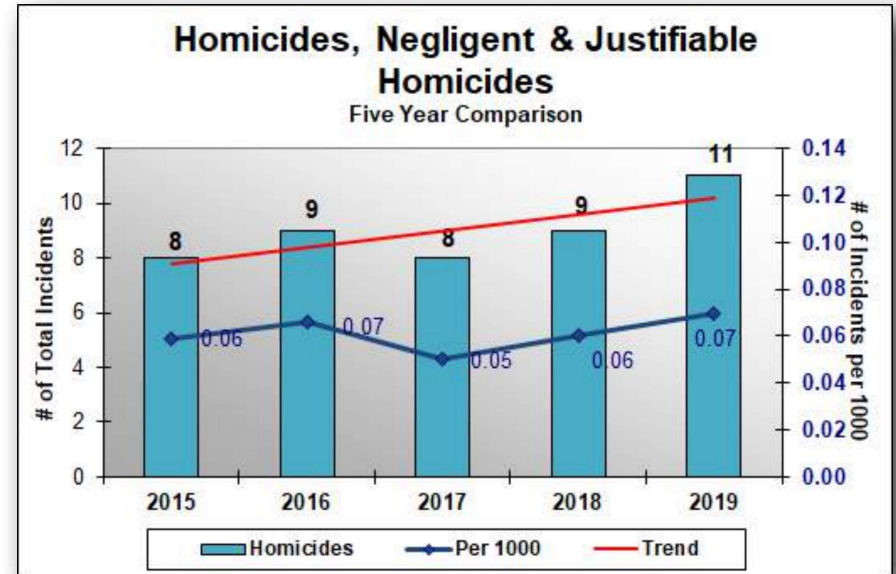
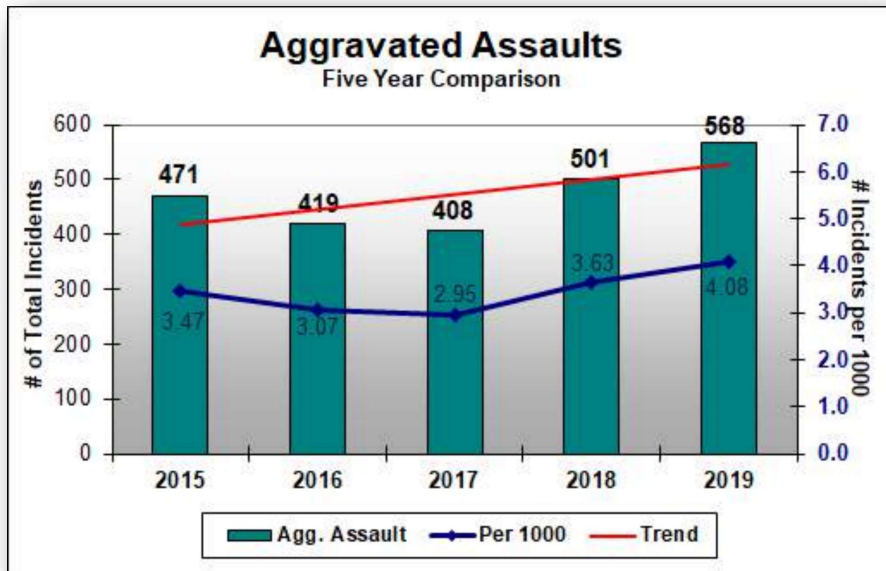
Response time is defined as the time when a caller first contacts VECC to the time when an officer calls out that he has arrived or has arrived in the area.



# Calls for Service



# Part 1 Crimes (Violent Crimes)

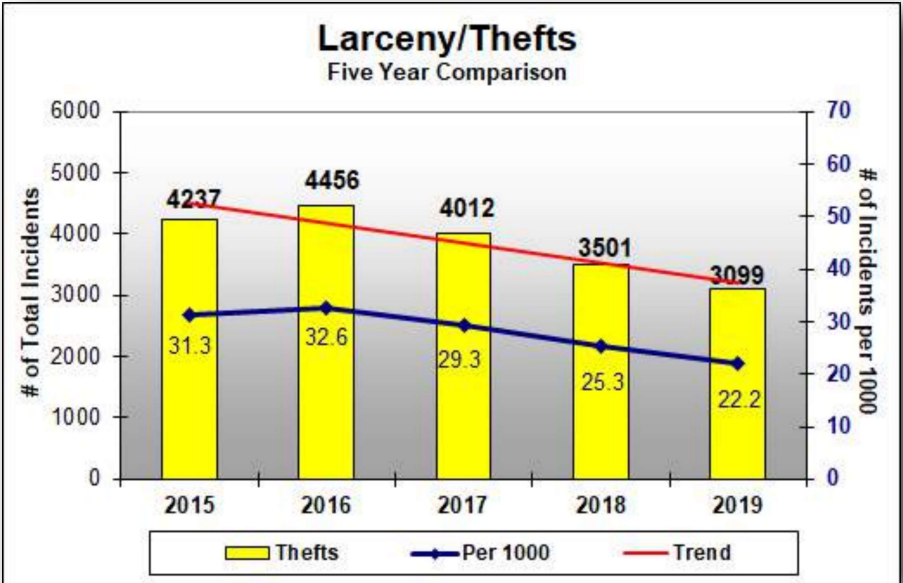
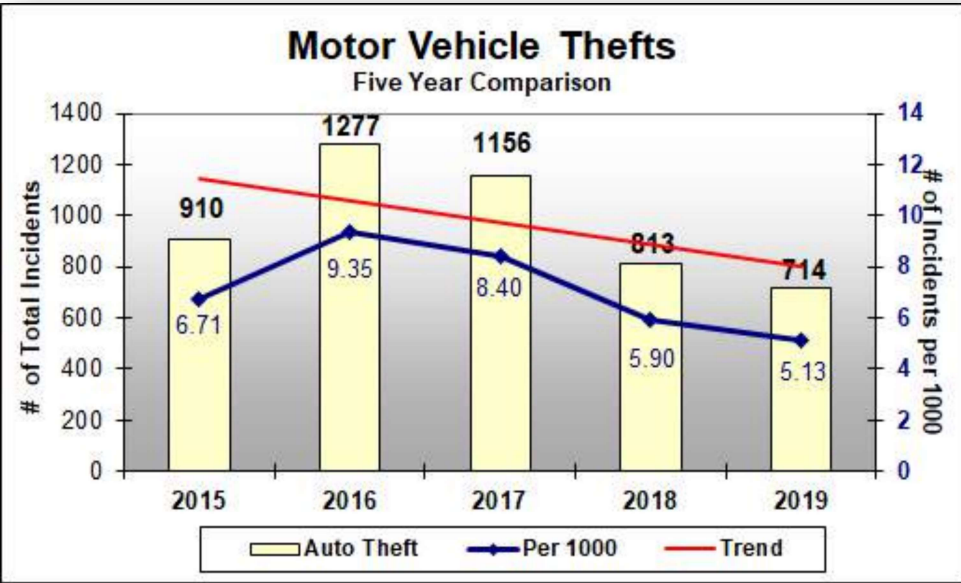
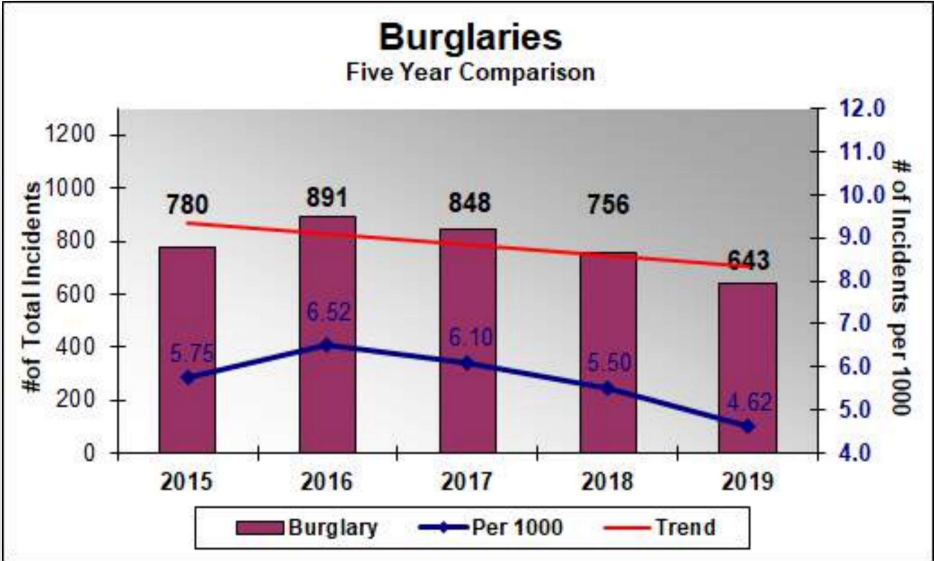
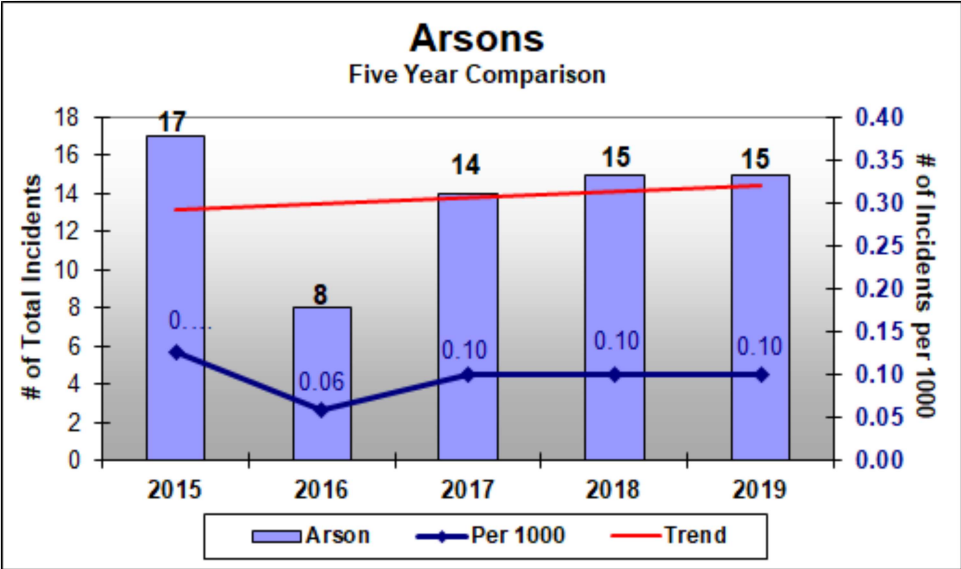


Aggravated assaults and homicides rose slightly in 2019, forcible rapes and robberies both saw reductions in 2019.



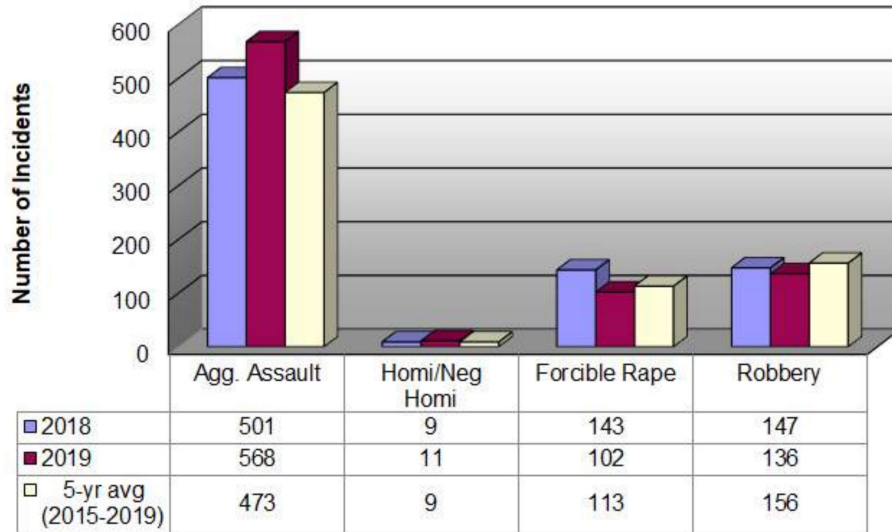


# Part 1 Crimes per 1,000 Residents (Property Crimes)

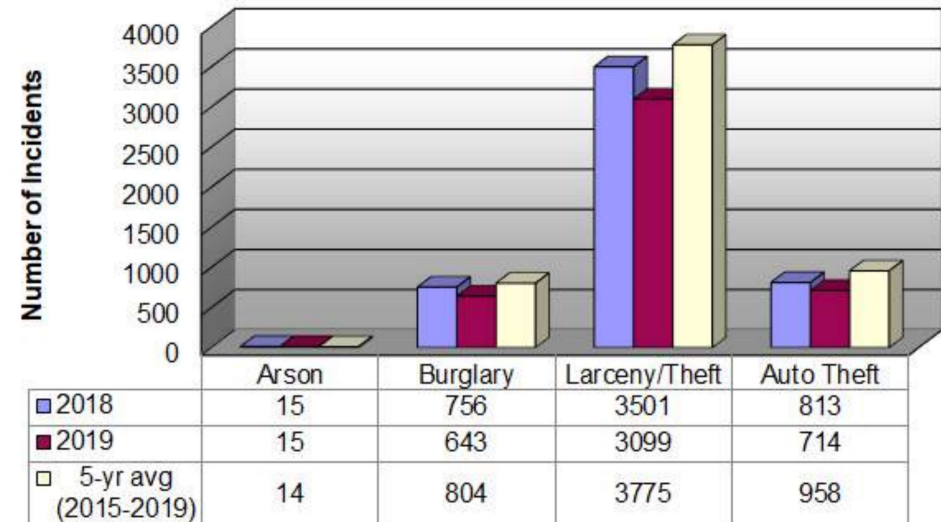


# 2018 vs. 2019 Part 1 Crime Trends

## Violent Crimes



## Property Crimes



# 2019 Highlights





# NAACP First Responders Appreciation Award

## Sergeant Ammon Fox



Sgt. Ammon Fox was recognized for developing a first of its kind Justice Court level mental health court that brings the community together to effectively treat and support those with mental illness before their situation merits felony level court intervention.

The NAACP recognized the program as the most progressive intervention approach of any jurisdiction in the state of Utah.



Thank you Sgt. Ammon Fox for exemplifying the commitment of WVCPD to our community.

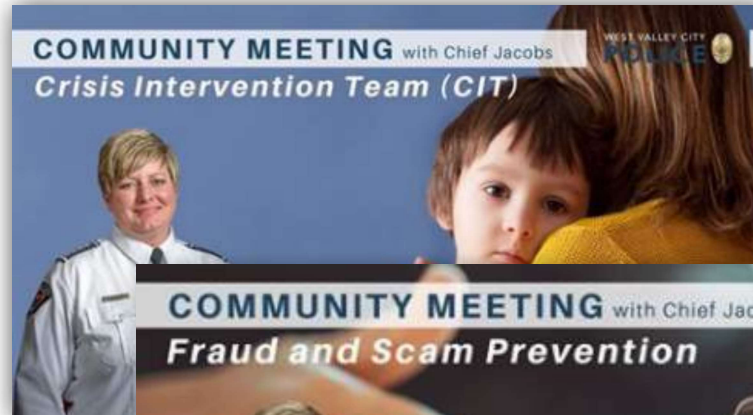
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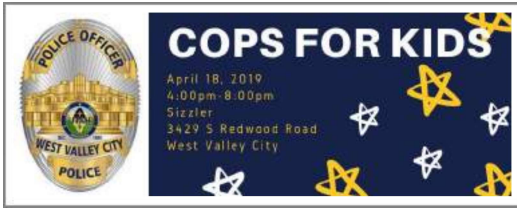
# Community Meetings

Chief Colleen Jacobs hosted 10 community meetings which invited people to connect with the Chief in person or via Facebook live broadcast.

Thousands watched at least some portion of these meetings online. Each meeting covered recent crime trends and featured a subject and or specialty unit to educate the public on various public safety issues.







# Cops for Kids Fundraiser

The West Valley City Police Department is proud to participate in the Cops for Kids fundraiser every year. This year we helped raise \$5,639.48 for the Children's Justice Center, which will aide their mission of supporting children who are the victims of crime.



We couldn't have done it without the help of our great community. We appreciate every single person and every single dollar that was raised!



April 18, 2019





# 2019 Annual Safety Patrol Day at Lagoon

Here are some of the highlights of our annual Safety Patrol Day:

- Celebrating 1,200 kids from 27 WVC schools who give up their time to make sure their fellow students get to and from school safely.
- An unbelievable group of sponsors who made feeding 1,200 kids possible.
- Learning that Chief Jacobs actually got her law enforcement start at Lagoon! She worked there as a security guard in the 90's just before starting her police career at WVC PD!

Thanks to Officer Mike Millett who puts in an amazing amount of work on this event. Thanks to all of our supporters who made this fun tradition possible and especially thanks to these awesome kids for all they do to serve their schools!



April 29, 2019



# Building a Brighter Future Award - Detective Joe Syme



May 29, 2019

Congratulations to WVC PD Detective Joe Syme. He received the Building a Brighter Future award from the Salt Lake Quality Improvement Committee. Detective Syme was nominated by our partner agency, The Division of Child and Family Services for going above and beyond for the well-being of families and children.

Detective Syme is a great asset to the Special Victims Unit, the Police Department, and our community! Great work, Detective Syme!





# Chill with the Chief

Chief Colleen Jacobs hosted 5 Chill with the Chief events over the summer. These events are held at various city parks and were attended by approximately 200 people. This is a great opportunity for members of the community to grab a frozen treat and meet with Chief Jacobs and other members of our department.



June 24, 2019





# Coffee With a Cop



Our Community Oriented Policing Unit participated in the nationwide Coffee with a Cop event where citizens were treated to a coffee on the house. Citizens were encouraged to meet some of our fine officers and get their questions and concerns answered.

*October 2, 2019*



# Pink Patch Project

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month and to show our support for finding a cure for this disease, once again, the West Valley City Police Department took part in the Pink Patch Project.

Throughout the month of October, some officers' standard uniform patches were replaced with pink patches in an effort to draw attention to the fight against breast cancer and encourage early detection.



The graphic features a dark background with pink and white text and images. At the top left is the West Valley City Police logo. To its right, the title 'Pink Patch Project' is written in large pink letters, followed by the tagline 'Join us in the fight against breast cancer!' in white. Below these are two main items for sale: a pink patch and a t-shirt. The patch is a standard West Valley City Police patch with pink ribbons on the sides. The t-shirt is dark grey with a small pink patch on the chest. A small logo for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation is also present. At the bottom, there is a call to action to visit a website and a statement about the proceeds.

**Pink Patch Project**  
Join us in the fight against breast cancer!

**Pink Patch: \$5**

**Pink Patch t-shirt: \$20**

Join the fight and get your patch or t-shirt at [pinkpatch.wvcpd.com](http://pinkpatch.wvcpd.com)!

All proceeds benefit the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

# New Building, New look!



A new era was ushered in at the department and in conjunction with the opening of our new building, we were thrilled to reveal the new logo that will represent our department as well as a new police vehicle design. These new looks move us into the future while paying tribute to our city's history.

In the new police logo, you'll see three triangles coming together. Those triangles represent the communities of Hunter, Granger, and Redwood coming together to form West Valley City. You'll also notice the shape of the City Hall roofline in the logo and the use of the copper and blue city symbol.

The new police car designs are a modern take on the black and white police cars of the past, with the blue and copper colors long associated with West Valley City. Check out the clean, sleek look!

We take pride in this city's past, its people, and we are especially proud of where we are headed in the future!





# Giving Tree

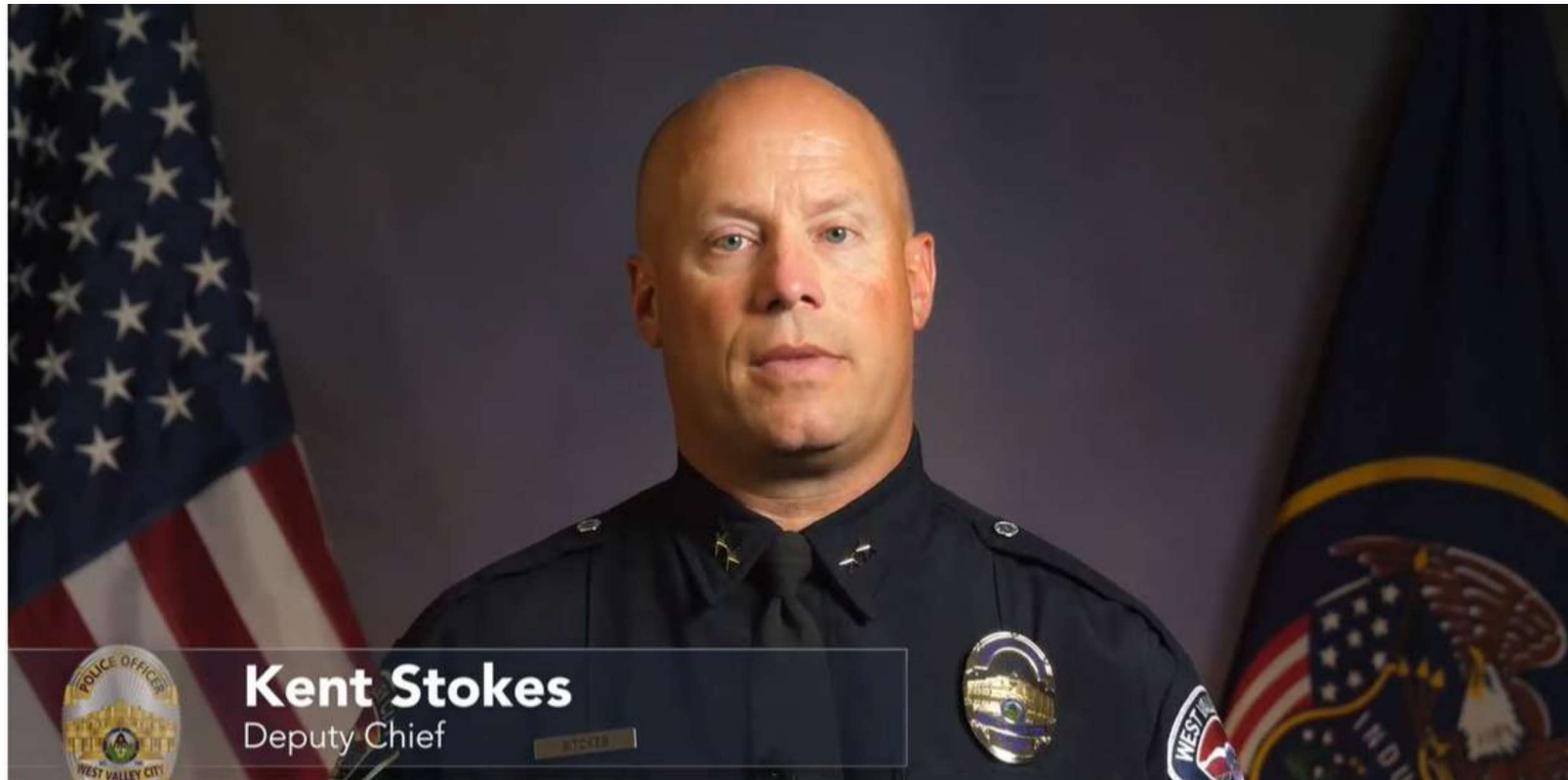


Thanks to the generosity of our community, many amazing West Valley City businesses, and folks like the West Valley City Honorary Colonels, we've been able to provide Christmas gifts for a record number of WVC kids in need.

A big congratulations to our Community Oriented Policing Unit and West Valley City Neighborhood Services for pulling off this extraordinary act of service!



# Critical Incident Briefing Video



In 2019, the department produced our first-ever Critical Incident Briefing video in response to an officer involved shooting.

This video allowed us to share information with the media and the public in the most clear and comprehensive manner possible.



# 2019 Retirees



Officer  
Todd Blanchard



Deputy Chief  
Matt Elson



Administrative Assistant  
Roxann Garduno



Officer  
Debbie Hulst



Officer  
Chad Lance



Officer  
Martin Siller



Records Clerk  
Bruce Webb



Records Clerk  
Kim Willoughby



Officer  
Sadat Siripathane



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Linda Smith

